

Application No. 09/663,872

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21. (Twice Amended) An apparatus comprising:

an ultrasonicator adapted to ultrasonicate a stream of a liquid dispersion of agglomerated primary particles; a filter member adapted to filter the resulting ultrasonicated stream containing a dispersion of de-agglomerated primary particles; and

further comprising a second ultrasonicator adapted to ultrasonicate the filter member and a coater adapted to coat the resulting filtered stream containing a dispersion of de-agglomerated primary particles onto a receiver.

Please cancel claims 22 and 24.

25. (Amended) The apparatus in accordance with claim 21, wherein the second ultrasonicator ultrasonicates the filter member when the coater is inactive.

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26. (Amended) A method comprising:

sonicating a stream containing a dispersion comprised of agglomerated primary particles; filtering the resulting sonicated stream containing a dispersion comprised of de-agglomerated primary particles, further comprising sonicating the filter media with a second sonicator during the filtering of the sonicated stream; and coating the resulting filtered stream containing a dispersion of de-agglomerated primary particles onto a receiver.